

**R12-4-305. Possessing, Transporting, Importing, Exporting, and Selling Carcasses or Parts of Wildlife**

- A.** An individual shall ensure that evidence of legality remains with the carcass or parts of a carcass of any wild mammal, bird, or reptile that the individual possesses, transports, or imports until arrival at the individual's permanent abode, a commercial processing plant, or the place where the wildlife is to be consumed.
- B.** In addition to the requirement in subsection (A), an individual possessing or transporting the following wildlife shall ensure each:
  - 1. Big game animal, sandhill crane, and pheasant has the required valid tag attached as prescribed under R12-4-302;
  - 2. Migratory game bird, except sandhill cranes, has one fully feathered wing attached;
  - 3. Sandhill crane has either the fully feathered head or one fully feathered wing attached; and
  - 4. Quail has attached a fully feathered head, or a fully feathered wing, or a leg with foot attached, when the current Commission Order has established separate bag or possession limits for any species of quail.
- C.** An individual who has lawfully taken wildlife that requires a valid tag when prescribed by the Commission may authorize its transportation or shipment by completing and signing the Transportation and Shipping Permit portion of the valid tag for that animal. A separate Transportation and Shipping Permit issued by the Department is necessary to transport or ship to another state or country any big game taken with a resident license. Under A.R.S. § 17-372(B), an individual may ship other lawfully taken wildlife by common carrier after obtaining a valid Transportation and Shipping Permit issued by the Department. The individual shall provide the following information on the permit form:
  - 1. Number and description of the wildlife to be transported or shipped;
  - 2. Name, address, license number, and license class of the individual who took the wildlife;
  - 3. Tag number;
  - 4. Name and address of the individual receiving a portion of the carcass of the wildlife as authorized under subsection (D), if applicable;
  - 5. Address of destination where the wildlife is to be transported or shipped; and
  - 6. Name and address of transporter or shipper.
- D.** An individual who lawfully takes wildlife under a tag may authorize another individual to possess the head or carcass of the wildlife by separating and attaching the tag as prescribed under R12-4-302.
- E.** An individual who receives a portion of the wildlife shall provide the identity of the individual who took and gave the portion of the wildlife.
- F.** An individual shall not possess the horns of a bighorn sheep, taken by a hunter in this state, unless the horns are marked or sealed as prescribed under R12-4-308.
- G.** Except as provided under R12-4-307, before an individual may sell, offer for sale, or export the raw pelt or unskinned carcass of a bobcat taken in this state the individual shall:
  - 1. Present the bobcat for inspection at any Department office, and
  - 2. Purchase a bobcat seal by paying the fee established under R12-4-102 at any Department office or other location as determined and published by the Department. Department personnel or an authorized agent

shall attach and lock the bobcat seal only to a pelt or unskinned carcass presented with a validated transportation tag.

- H.** An individual who takes bear or mountain lion under A.R.S. § 17-302 during a closed season may retain the carcass of the wildlife if the individual has a valid hunting license and the carcass is immediately tagged with a nonpermit-tag as required under R12-4-114 and R12-4-302, unless the individual has already taken the applicable bag limit for that big game animal. An animal retained under this subsection shall count towards the applicable bag limit for bear or mountain lion as authorized by Commission Order. The individual shall comply with inspection and reporting requirements established under R12-4-308.
- I.** An individual may possess, transport, or import only the following portions of a cervid lawfully taken in another state or country:

  - 1. Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged;
  - 2. Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached, except as required for proof of legality;
  - 3. Clean skulls with antlers, clean skull plates, or antlers with no meat or soft tissue attached;
  - 4. Finished taxidermy mounts or products; and
  - 5. Upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.
- J.** A private game farm license holder may transport a cervid lawfully killed or slaughtered at the license holder's game farm to a licensed meat processor.
- K.** An individual may possess or transport only the following portions of a cervid lawfully killed or slaughtered at a private game farm authorized under R12-4-413:

  - 1. Boneless portions of meat, or meat that has been cut and packaged;
  - 2. Clean hides and capes with no skull or soft tissue attached;
  - 3. Clean skulls with antlers, clean skull plates, or antlers with no meat or soft tissue attached;
  - 4. Finished taxidermy mounts or products; and
  - 5. Upper canine teeth with no meat or tissue attached.
- L.** An individual who obtains buffalo meat as authorized under R12-4-306 may sell the meat.
- M.** Except for cervids, which are subject to requirements established under subsections (I), (J), and (K), an individual may import into this state the carcasses or parts of wildlife, including aquatic wildlife, lawfully taken in another state or country if transported and exported in accordance with the laws of the state or country of origin.
- N.** An individual in possession of or transporting the carcass of any freshwater fish taken within this state shall ensure that the head, tail, or skin is attached so that the species can be identified, numbers counted, and any required length determined.
- O.** An individual shall not transport live crayfish from the site where taken, except as permitted under R12-4-316.
- P.** An individual in possession of a carp (*Cyprinus carpio*), buffalofish (*Ictiobus* spp.), or crayfish (families *Astacidae*, *Cambaridae*, and *Parastacidae*) carcass taken under Commission Order may sell the carcass.